

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2398

January 8, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to ensure the existence and operation of a single searchable website, accessible by the public at no cost, which includes specific information related to state awards.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,600,000 One-Time
Exceeds \$500,000 Recurring

Assumptions:

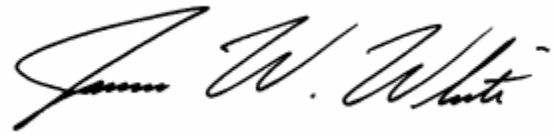
- “State award” means all state financial assistance and expenditures, including grants, loans, awards, cooperative agreements, and other forms of financial assistance, as well as contracts, purchase orders, task orders, and delivery orders.
- The website proposed shall be functional by January 1, 2009 and shall include data for FY07-08 and each fiscal year thereafter.
- Individual transactions less than \$5,000 are not considered state awards.
- The web site would not be considered compliant if it hyperlinks to other existing websites so that the information elements required by the bill cannot be searched electronically by field in a single search.
- According to Finance & Administration (F&A), to maintain a searchable website for all data required of this bill would require extremely robust business intelligence software.
- According to F&A, the state’s current business intelligent software (Microstrategy) is not capable of producing and/or converting data and information into the formats specified within this bill.
- Payment data from the various proposed sources would require conversion to a unified format that would be compatible with new business intelligent software that is search-capable and has the ability to interface with other state systems.
- There will be a one-time increase to state expenditures for developing and implementing new business intelligent software. Based on the cost

of development and implementation of Microstrategy, this one-time cost is estimated to be \$3,600,000.

- The Division of Accounts will incur increased recurring costs for maintenance, internal systems, data processing services, training, and others as a result of this bill. This recurring increase to state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$500,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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